

Using DIBELS ORF Results to Help Select a TRC Assessment Starting Level

As you know, the Text Reading and Comprehension screening measure is an iterative process to determine a student's instructional reading level. Selecting a starting level close to the student's actual instructional reading level will result in a faster assessment process. The DIBELS ORF score can help you select the starting level. The tables below for first, second, and third grade provide approximate guided reading text levels for each range of ORF scores. The text levels are approximate and teachers should always use their knowledge of the student's reading ability in conjunction with this information to select a starting level for assessment.

Kindergarten

As you know, ORF is not administered in Kindergarten. The majority of Kindergarten students will either be at the basic print concepts / reading behaviors level or, perhaps, at Level C.

1st Grade

ORF Score	Lexile Range	Approx. guided reading level
0 – 58	BR4 – 90	RB/PC
59 - 70	100 - 195	D
71 - 76	200 – 245	F
77 – 83	255 – 305	H
84 – 94	315 – 400	I
95 – 106	401 – 500	J
107 – 160	510 – 550	K

(Note: The Lexile range used as a bridge from ORF scores to reading levels is based on research conducted by MetaMetrics, Inc.)

2nd Grade

ORF Score	Lexile Range	Approx. guided reading level
0 – 38	BR2 – 90	RB/PC
39 - 52	100 - 195	D
53 - 59	200 - 245	F
60 – 67	255 – 305	H
68 - 80	315 – 400	I
81 - 94	401 – 500	J
95 – 100	510 – 550	K
101 – 107	555 – 595	L/M
108 – 120	605 – 690	N
121 – 128	700 – 750	O/P
129 – 200	760 – 780	Q/R

3rd Grade

ORF Score	Lexile Range	Approx. guided reading level
0 – 36	BR2 – 90	RB/PC
37 - 50	100 – 195	D
51 – 57	200 – 245	F
58 - 65	250 – 305	H
66 – 77	310 – 400	I
78 – 92	401 – 500	J
93 - 99	510 – 550	K
100 - 105	560 – 595	L/M
106 – 118	605 – 690	N
119 – 126	700 – 750	O/P
127 – 133	755 – 800	Q/R
134 – 140	810 – 850	S
141 – 200	860 – 890	T